

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Magi No, 0811815404

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-117

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Matthew Morrison House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Farm at intersection of New Valley and McCauley Roads

CITY, TOWN

Rowlandsville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William I. Johnson

Telephone #: 658-5413

STREET &amp; NUMBER

287 New Valley road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 360

Folio #: 193

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil county courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Marhland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Matthew Morrison House c. 1830-1840 is a two story four bay by two room cut and coursed fieldstone house on the southeast corner of the intersection of McCauley and New Valley Roads. The house is situated on the top of a rise with the main facade facing west and the primary gable on a north/south axis.

The house rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is covered by a medium sloped composition tile roof with extended eaves and sloped soffits. A late 19th century five sided frame kitchen is attached to the back of the house and rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with novelty siding. The pointed five sided seamed tin roof has extended eaves also.

The main elevation is symmetrically arranged with two central door openings and adjacent 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. Four identical windows light the second floor and are alligned with the first floor openings. A shed roof porch supported by chamfered posts and corner brackets stretches across the entire front of the house.

The north gable end has two 6/6 sash that light the first floor and two four pane attic lights. Each window opening is supported by a large stone lintel. The windows flank an interior end brick chimney with corbelled cap. The south end wall is a plain stone wall with exterior basement door.

The back (east) side of the structure is laid on a rougher manner as are the end walls. The back was in partially covered by the rear kitchen wing which has been extended to the south by a small single story shed section. One visible 6/6 sash lights the northeast room and three windows pierce the second floor.

The typical room arrangement for houses with two front doors in either a two or three room plan. The structure today is composed of three rooms ~~but one interior wall in the south room was removed and part of it remains along the ceiling.~~ The end wall fireplace has been redone to heat the larger room that ~~now~~ runs the full depth of the main block. The northern half of the house is divided into two rooms of approximately equal size with a small fireplace in the front room. The mantel remains with a fluted molded for a surround which supports molded frieze blocks and finally a slightly beaded shelf. The partially enclosed winder stair rises in the northeast room against the interior wall.

The only questionable aspect of the house is the originality of the four room plan which is not typical of houses with two front doors. The chimney pile against the south wall is supported by a rectangular basement stack support; instead of corbelled corner supports which would have supported the original corner fireplaces if the middle partition was actually original. There is no indication of corner fireplaces on the

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first floor either. What appears more logical is the division of the original kitchen into two rooms when the rear frame kitchen was added. The present owners unknowingly removed the middle partition and returned the house to its original plan.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Matthew Morrison house stands on a tract known in the 19th century land records as "Mount Montgomery". The name is certainly appropriate since Harford County is easily seen from this hilltop. One hundred acres of the tract was sold to Matthew Morrison and John Graham (JS 46/8) by Robert and Cornelia Gerry of Philadelphia and Mary Gerry of Cecil County, widow of James Gerry. This finely pointed cut and coursed fieldstone house was apparently built by Morrison and Graham after the 1840 sale. The cross passage/ three room interior retains a large percentage of its second quarter of the 19th century woodwork.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/13/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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RRC 19/447

10/18/1946

RRC 3/30

10/4/1943

SRA 14/250

8/5/1931

6/60

JGW 14/235

6/29/1903

Reese Allan Johnson & Viola Louise  
To

William Johnson & Lina E.

John Curtis Hall & Lena Marian  
To

Reese Allan Johnson

Hannah J. Morrison  
To

John Curtis Hall  
63 Acres

Equity Case Eliz. & Morrison complanant  
2283 Mary Jeanette Morrison Defendants  
\$2500.00  
63 Acres JGW 6/463

Wm. T. Warburton & L. Marshall Haines, Trustees  
To  
The said Hannah J. Morrison & Margaret L.

Margaret died 1921 leaving Hannah her only  
sister and only heir at law.

Mathew Morrison died about about 1885  
3 tracts containing 153 acres conveyed to  
Mathew Morrison by 2 deeds

1. From John Graham and wife  
May 2, 1840 JS 46/298
2. From John Graham  
May 4, 1844 GMC 7/314  
Parcel No. 2 63 Acres

JS 46/8

1. Feb. 14, 1840 Robert Gerry & Cornelia, his  
wife City of Phila. & Mary Gerry of  
Cecil Co. Widow of the late James Gerry  
Granted unto said John Graham & Mathew Morrison  
a certain tract or parcel called  
"Mount Montgomery" split lands between  
themselves 100 acres to Morrison  
8 acres tract

G M C 7/314

2. ~~and~~ ~~reversion~~ \$531 "Mount Montgomery"  
45 Acres

To John Graham Deed JS 46/295  
From John Graham GMC 7/314



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CONOWINGO  
Run

576  
4393  
4392  
40'  
4391  
4390  
120 000 FEET  
(PA.)  
4.5 MI TO MOUNT ZEAR  
RISING 500 FT





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Morrison House  
Near Rowlandsville  
East Elevation  
3/80 PBT  
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